

From: Bunge, Shelly
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2009 2:41 PM
To: Weil, Leah
Subject: Fw: The Sun / Michael Jackson

Privileged and confidential--we shld discuss.

From: Volland-Friedman, Lia
To: Bunge, Shelly
Sent: Fri Nov 13 10:44:39 2009
Subject: Fw: The Sun / Michael Jackson

From: Pascal, Amy
To: Volland-Friedman, Lia
Sent: Fri Nov 13 09:56:32 2009
Subject: Fw: The Sun / Michael Jackson

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From: Kennedy, Jim
To: Lynton, Michael; Blake, Jeff; Elzer, Steve
Cc: Pascal, Amy; Volland-Friedman, Lia; Taylor, Peter; Luya, Vikki; Clark, Nigel; Weinstock, Marc; Belgrad, Doug
Sent: Fri Nov 13 09:20:50 2009
Subject: RE: The Sun / Michael Jackson

I called Matthew's office and spoke to his assistant, who will reach out to him, and I've also blackberried him the situation asking that he help us out asap.

From: Lynton, Michael
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2009 9:09 AM
To: Blake, Jeff; Kennedy, Jim; Elzer, Steve
Cc: Pascal, Amy; Volland-Friedman, Lia; Taylor, Peter; Luya, Vikki; Clark, Nigel; Weinstock, Marc; Belgrad, Doug
Subject: Re: The Sun / Michael Jackson

Matthew freud can put this in a bottle. Call him asap

From: Blake, Jeff
To: Kennedy, Jim; Elzer, Steve
Cc: Pascal, Amy; Lynton, Michael; Volland-Friedman, Lia; Taylor, Peter; Luya, Vikki; Clark, Nigel; Weinstock, Marc; Belgrad, Doug
Sent: Fri Nov 13 08:45:50 2009
Subject: Fw: The Sun / Michael Jackson

From: Randy Phillips
To: Blake, Jeff
Sent: Fri Nov 13 08:39:34 2009
Subject: Fw: The Sun / Michael Jackson

Call me at 310-276-7999 about this.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Fri Nov 13 07:55:47 2009
Subject: The Sun / Michael Jackson

Hi Randy and Paul,

I hope you are both well.. We went down and watched This Is It at 1am on opening night here in London and the film was brilliant, I walked out completely blown away!

Unfortunately we have had a call from The Sun who don't feel the same and have had a musicologist watch the film and offer their thoughts / insight.. The below questions have been raised:

Large parts of the vocals on Earth Song were lifted from a demo MJ recorded in the early 90s.
The demo is available on You Tube and the sun's "experts" have found a match.
The Sun believe that the demo vocals were laid over the new backing track.
In order to make it fit the vocal demo was speeded up in tempo (2.677 per cent), and dropped in pitch (8.012 per cent) before dropping it into the 2009 movie.

The vocals that appear on the movie for Billie Jean were really recorded in 2009 during rehearsals according to the sun's "experts".
The expert opinion is that the timbre is that of a man in his 20s rather than a man who is aged 50.
In addition, at the end of the third verse MJ sings a lyric which did not appear on the Thriller album - it appears only in demos recorded in the early 80s.
The line - exactly two mins into the cinema version - is "But she don't know what's going on all of the time."
The timbre in the 2009 Billie Jean has been matched to the timbre in the 80s demo.

The Sun felt that for significant portions of the movie, especially in the last 15 mins, they are not hearing MJ singing in 2009.

The journalist has also seen the film.

Can you please let me know if you have any comment on this / if you would like outside to respond? It is more an opinion piece / expert says story and seems to have no solid facts to back this up.

The Sun are also trying to contact Vikki Luya and Anna Whelan who handle Sony Pictures PR.

The story will run tomorrow.

Thank you

Jo

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